

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 10/26/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,4-9,11-13 and 15-21.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 20070118.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

The application has been amended as follows: Claims amended as follows

Claim 1 [Currently Amended] A support apparatus comprising: a first member in a first orientation having a first portion and a second portion; a second member, separate from the first member, in a second orientation inverted from the first orientation, the second member being identical to the first member, and having a first portion and a second portion; the first portions of the first and second members being spaced apart; and the second portions of the first and second members including overlapping interlocking sections such that the first and second members are interconnected and form an interlocking continuous double-walled reinforcing member, wherein the first portions of each member include a span and the second portions of each member include a rib.

Claim 3 [Cancelled]

Claim 8 [Currently Amended] A computer comprising: a chassis; and a support member mounted in the chassis, the support member including: a first member in a first orientation having a first portion and a second portion; a second member, separate from the first member, in a second orientation inverted from the first orientation, the second member being identical to the first member, and having a first portion and a second portion; the first portions of the first and second members being spaced apart;

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and the second portions of the first and second members including overlapping interlocking sections such that the first and second members are interconnected and form an interlocking continuous double-walled reinforcing member, wherein the first portions of each member include a span and the second portions of each member include a rib.

Claim 10 [Cancelled]

Claim 12 [Currently Amended] An information handling system comprising: a chassis; a microprocessor mounted in the chassis; a storage coupled to the microprocessor; and a support member mounted in the chassis, the support member including: a first member in a first orientation having a first portion and a second portion; a second member, separate from the first member, having a first portion and a second portion, the second member being identical to the first member and being in a second orientation inverted from the first orientation; the first portions of the first and second members being spaced apart; and the second portions of the first and second members including overlapping interlocking sections such that the first and second members are interconnected and form an interlocking continuous double-walled reinforcing member, wherein the first portions of each member include a span and the second portions of each member include a rib.

Claim 14 [Cancelled]

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1,2,4-9,11-13,15-21 allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: There is simply no evidence in the prior art teaching a first member in a first orientation having a first portion and a second portion; a second member, separate from the first member, in a second orientation inverted from the first orientation, the second member being identical to the first member, and having a first portion and a second portion; the second portions of the first and second members including overlapping interlocking sections such that the first and second members are interconnected and form an interlocking continuous double-walled reinforcing member, wherein the first portions of each member include a span and the second portions of each member include a rib, furthermore there is no evidence in the prior art making these limitations obvious.

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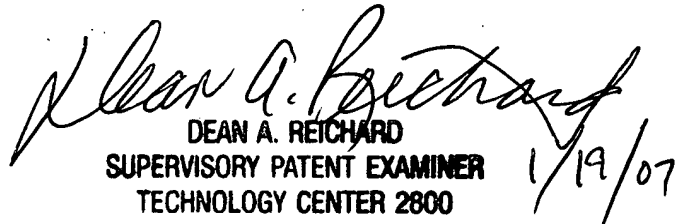
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ivan H. Carpio whose telephone number is 571-272-8396. The examiner can normally be reached on T-F 7:00am - 5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dean Reichard can be reached on 571-272-1984. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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